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A LIVING TRIBUTE TO HER GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

For the kind attention of Sir Edward Young, The Private Secretary to Her Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We would be grateful if you would please bring to the attention of Her Gracious Majesty the birth of a new law Magazine titled - KC *The King's Counsel*. The Magazine is registered and published in Sri Lanka.

Your Gracious Majesty, We have pleasure in introducing to your gracious majesty the first publication of the Law Magazine - KC The King's Counsel. The Magazine is dedicated to promoting and nurturing the English Law which has been the guiding principle of the common law as practiced in most of the common law countries for centuries. Your Gracious Majesty is the external manifestation of the edifice of the English legal system and the legal values that have been imparted to the world. These values are still developed, shared and cherished by such a vast majority of countries worldwide.

We thought we should offer your gracious majesty a living tribute by dedicating this first edition to mark the 70th anniversary of your gracious majesty's accession to the throne. Your gracious majesty has demonstrated leadership in an exemplary manner consistent with the dignity, decency and devotion as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth. There have been many controversies but your gracious majesty has been able to dilute such controversies because of the exemplary leadership qualities demonstrated by your gracious majesty - worth emulating by those who hold the public offices. It would have been nice had your gracious majesty's beloved husband HRH Prince Philip lived to witness the 70th anniversary. Your gracious majesty must surely have felt the void. The remark in your gracious majesty's Accession Day message 'I was blessed that in Prince Philip I had a partner willing to carry out the role of consort and unselfishly make the sacrifices that go with it. It is a role I saw my own mother perform during my father's reign' was very touching.

We take this opportunity to wish your gracious majesty our sincere appreciation for your gracious majesty's contribution to the advancement of the humanity, and being at the top of the great edifice of the British Empire and the immense goodwill your gracious majesty has shown for so many people not only in UK but across the word.

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EDITORIAL

THE BIRTH OF A NEW LAW MAGAZINE - KC THE KING'S COUNSEL

London is still the global capital for banking and financial services. It is also an international capital in many respects partly because of the unique system of laws and conventions that govern the country and the acceptance of English law principles as the driving force for executing commercial contracts. The importance of English law need not be elaborated because it is transparent and predictable. It provides freedom of contract and its a pro-business approach is unparalleled. The judge made law otherwise known as the British common law system is still being respected by the U.S jurists and the British Commonwealth. The importance of London being a center for international arbitration is yet another landmark. The laws of the United States are largely derived or rather influenced by the English common law system, at both the federal and state levels, although it has significantly deviated from its English ancestor both in terms of form, substance and procedure. The U.S. jurisprudence is now increasingly being relied upon by the judiciary of the British Commonwealth. The legal thoughts are peddled back into the original land from which they emanated at first.

There is a solid respect for UK judicial independence which it had inherited from the time Parliament gained its shared sovereignty with the King along with the House of Commons, House of Lords during the 17th century. The meticulous selection process and the impartiality, experience and learning of English law judges, along with their skills in dispensing justice are rooted in judicial independence. There has never been any serious misdemeanor of Judges who have been empowered to decide cases according to their own judgment of the issues, without outside influence and government control. Even the issue surrounding the *Pinochet* case, where a spouse of a Judge had had dealing with the petitioner, too had been taken seriously by the UK judiciary and the issue was resolved through yet another decision on the same issue by a different bench. This demonstrated the resilience of the British justice system.

We believe this Magazine could provide a new forum for the development of English law across the Commonwealth countries where English law precedents and jurisprudence is widely used. The legal practitioners are most welcome to express their opinions in this Magazine. Let this Magazine bring together the legal practitioners from across the Commonwealth. The pages of the Magazine are wide open for the advancement of your profession.

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